

The House of Mirth

by Edith Wharton (1862-1937)

Published in 1905, *The House of Mirth* is a novel about New York socialite Lily Bart's attempts to secure a wealthy husband and a place in high society. One of the first novels of manners in American literature, The House of Mirth examines the conflict between rigid social expectation and personal desire, and explores how 19th-century America offered little social mobility for women. (Wikipedia)



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